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Foundation Linked To CIA Relies On Invisible Assets

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 19 (AP)—referred to another number. The Kentfield Fund, listed in some quarters as a tax-exempt Texas foundation that may have passed Central Intelligence Agency money to students, is hard to pin down in Dallas—to say the least.

Apparently, it doesn't actually exist. It may never have.

The name of the fund came into prominence last week when it was named one of six foundations in the United States "suspected" of being CIA fronts.

Answering Service

"Kentfield Fund" is listed in the Dallas telephone directory but turns out, on telephoning, to be an answering service.

Mrs. Yvonne Page, of the answering firm, said, "Kentfield died about a year ago. He used the fund to donate money to students, but it hasn't been in existence since his death."

She said she believed Kentfield was a retired, very elderly man. "I guess you'd call him a philanthropist," she added.

Mrs. Page said she never recalled ever seeing him, and she had no written record of his originally taking out the service three years ago.

Retired Philanthropist

"We're very informal around here. The bill was always paid, though." She didn't recall how payments were received.

Her report that Kentfield was elderly, retired and a philanthropist, Mrs. Page said, was based on "impressions and what I had heard."

Nobody ever officially notified her that Kentfield died, either. "We heard it somewhere . . . I don't remember the details," she said. "We haven't had any calls for the fund since last year sometime, as far as I know."

Told that the fund is listed in the current telephone directory with her number, she replied: "Oh, is it? That's just carelessness on our part."

Mrs. Page also did not remember Kentfield's first name. But another woman at the answering service said, "I think his name was Dana, yes, that was

"My recollection is that we held them until someone came in and picked them up." Nobody recalled seeing the persons who made the "collections."

A check of City of Dallas Bureau of Vital Statistics showed nobody named Kentfield died in Dallas in 1965 or 1966. Telephone directories and city directories of the year carry no individual listings of a Kentfield—just the name of the fund during the last three years.

The Internal Revenue Service files show no Kentfield Fund in the 100-county north Texas area in 1963, 1964 and 1965. No personal tax return was filed during those same years in the name of Dana Kentfield.

In Austin, the Texas secretary of State's office said no Kentfield Fund ever had been incorporated in the State, as a nonprofit organization or as a profit-making group.

And Dana Kentfield has no Dallas police record, either.

USIS LINKED TO CIA FUNDS

Magazine Says Agency Had Cash From Foundation

New York, Feb. 19 (AP)—The *Nation* magazine said today in an editorial that a subsidiary organization of the United States Information Service has received large grants from a foundation that distributed Central Intelligence Agency funds to the National Student Association.

In its February 27 issue, published today, the weekly magazine said the Sidney and Esther Rabb Charitable Foundation "gave four times as much" to the Operations and Policy Research, Inc., as it did to the students.

The magazine also said the group has received more than \$120,000 in the last two years from the Pappas Charitable Trust of Boston. The trust, the magazine said, supports the International Development Foundation, Inc., which the magazine called "A CIA front."

Head Issues Statement

Dr. Evron M. Kirkpatrick, president of the policy group's board of directors, issued a statement from his Washington home questioning whether foundations distribute money only for the CIA.

Operations and Policy Research "has received grants from many foundations and, though it is a fact that it has received funds from the two foundations named," Kirkpatrick said, "does anyone seriously suggest that these foundations distribute money only at the behest of CIA?"

Kirkpatrick said it is a "private research organization that does research for public and private organizations . . . on foundation grants."

Help To USIS Noted

The *Nation* said the O.P.R. helped the USIS "distribute more persuasive broadsides and magazines and books both in this country and abroad." It also said the group read and gave expert opinion on books which the USIS "planted" with publishers.

Kirkpatrick said O.P.R. has solicited the opinions of scholars and experts to help in selecting books for overseas use.

"The program," he said, "is wholly supported by USIA funds; no money from another Government agency or foundation has ever been involved."

100 Professors Employed

The magazine quoted Kirkpatrick as saying that O.P.R. employs more than 100 professors "to create and polish the Government's propaganda."

Kirkpatrick, also executive director of the American Political Science Association, replied that the O.P.R. "does not seduce professors; it does not subvert Government."

The editorial said many of the 100 professors were members of the association.